

This is a very common perfin, in use for over 70 years but still no identification. Someone out there must have a cover!

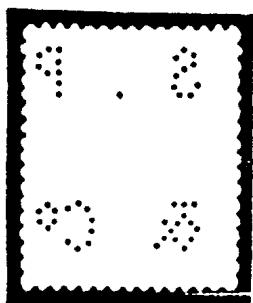


Fig. 1.

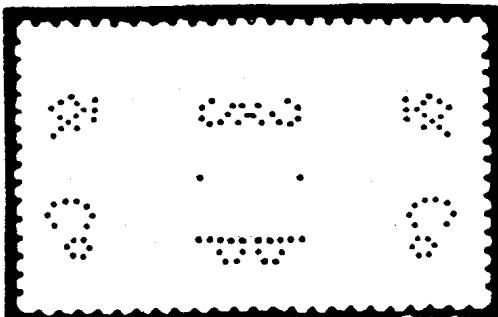


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 1 shows the die as it was made; Fig. 2 shows a perfect split; Fig. 3 shows an interesting double.

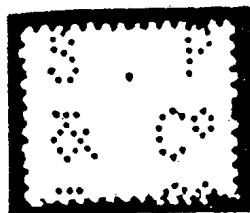


Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 – on a ½d Plate – shows what I first thought was a new type, made for the ½d stamp. On looking closer I see it is a carefully spaced double strike.

The first '&C°' is mainly off the bottom of the stamp and the second 'S.P' is totally off the top of the stamp. The result is a total 'S.P/&C°' on the one stamp but half from one strike and half from another.

An interesting procedure - which probably perfinned strips of stamps so each had the full 'S.P/&C°' on each stamp.

Such great care in the early days but much less care in later years.

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